

North Portal Protests

Executive Brief

Saskatchewan Highway Patrol

Current as of 1500hrs, 20 Feb Sunday, 2022

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Changes in **BOLD**

Strategic Summary

127 hours

Protest planned for February 18th, 2022 at North Portal Border Crossing.

‘Southbound and Down’ Convoy headed for North Portal Feb 19th, 2022 – **This did not get the anticipated traction from Social Media.**

Group of protesters set up campsite near Northgate POE

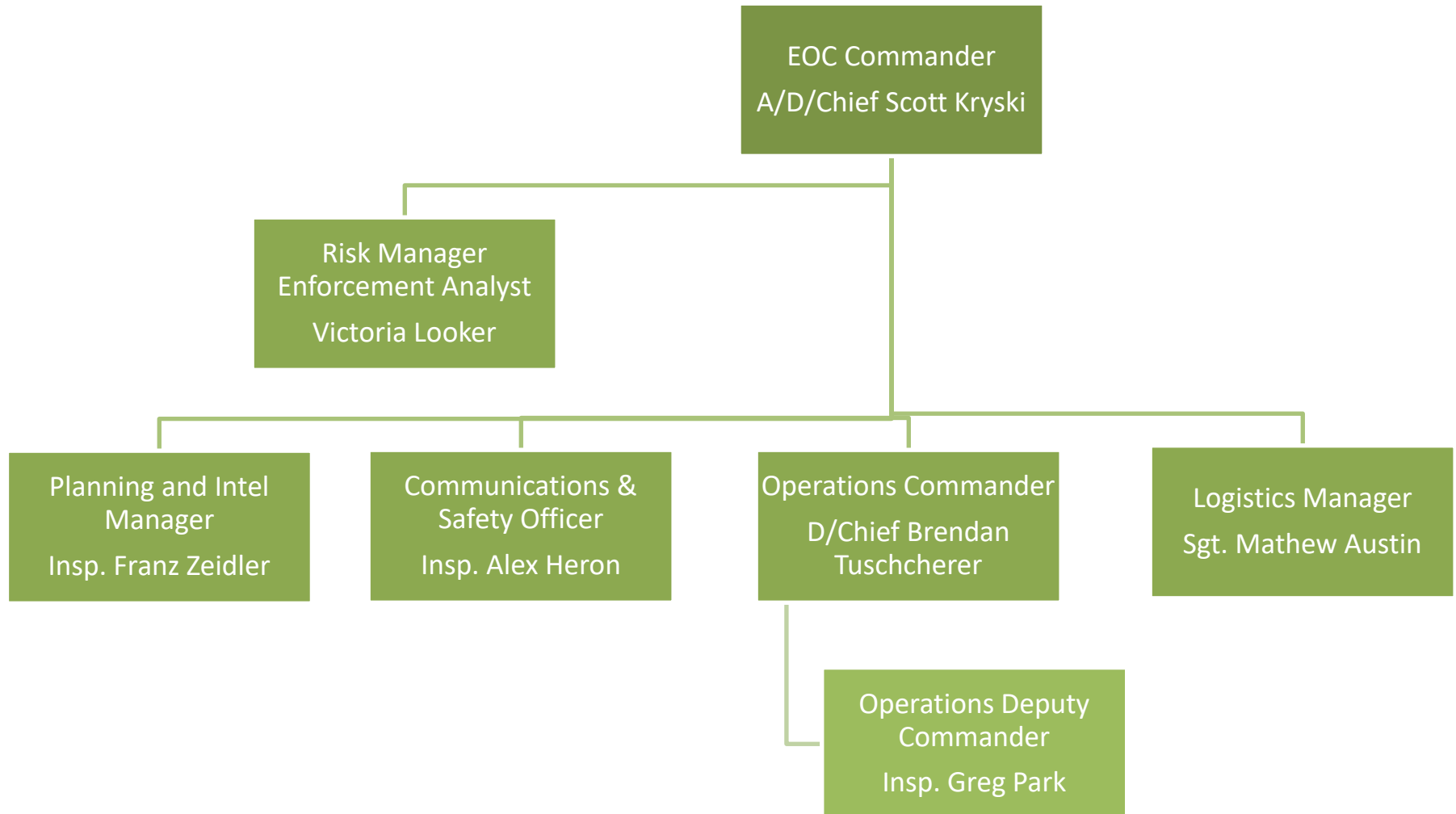
The expected 300 vehicles did not arrive. At the REIDEL Group location roughly 50 vehicles arrived, at the Northgate location 20-30 vehicles arrived.

Demonstration related to “Freedom Convoy 2022”

RCMP formally requested assistance from the SHP and its Traffic Officers. **RCMP and SHP scaling back operations.**

- RCMP Legal Services decision paper determines SHP Peace Officers can enforce the Emergencies Act
- The group that arrived in Estevan on Feb 16th joined the campout near Northgate. This camp now has 28 vehicles. This group is welcome to use this property, parties not included in this group are not welcome.
- More interactions on social media inviting protesters than engagement suggesting actual attendance.
- Anticipating delays in border crossing services and traffic both North and South bound.

SHP EOC Organizational Structure



SHP Traffic Officer Conduct

- Traffic Officers and employees are expected to follow the SHP Code of Ethics and SHP Code of Conduct during the execution of their duties. SHP 1.1.2 and SHP.11.1.1 describes the principles and commitments to the citizens of Saskatchewan.
- Contraventions of the SHP Code of Ethics and SHP Code of Conduct will be taken seriously and dealt with through the SHP Disciplinary System SHP11.1.4.

Operational Summary

- SHP Emergency Operations Centre is activated to Level 3a (Limited Resource Deployment) as of 0800 Feb 15th, 2022, under SHP22.1.2.B.a.iii.a
- **Reducing SHP presence on Feb 20th, 2022**
 - 1 Sergeant in RCMP ICP
 - 2 Day Shift Members
 - 2 Night Shift Members
- Officers are now collecting and running plates and the number of occupants for each vehicle to provide to the RCMP
- **SHP Officers conducted two cannabis impaired driver investigations. One driver not associated with the protest accompanied by RCMP for a blood demand. The second driver was associated with the protest and accompanied by RCMP/CBSA for DRE assessment.**
- **One commercial vehicle placed out of service due to loose wheel fasteners**
- **RCMP impressed with professionalism and assistance from SHP.**
- **SHP Emergency Operations Center returning to Level 1 as per SHP22.1.2.B.a.i at 1500 on Feb 20th, 2022**

Weather Forecast



The upcoming days become a deterrent for protesters with wind chill temperatures reaching below -30.

	Mon 02/21	Tue 02/22	Wed 02/23	Thu 02/24	Fri 02/25	Sat 02/26	Sun 02/27
	Cloudy with sunny breaks	Cloudy with sunny breaks	Mainly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	A mix of sun and clouds	A mix of sun and clouds
							
	-22°	-21°	-18°	-14°	-8°	-9°	-11°
Feels like	-32	-30	-23	-19	-15	-17	-18
Night	-31°	-31°	-27°	-25°	-14°	-20°	-18°

Source: Weather Network

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Protest Area – North Portal POE



Protest Area – HWY 39



A camp organized by Jay Reidel's Group arrived Feb 19th near Check Point A. 53 private vehicles arrived at this location, indicating no overnight stay.

Protest Area – RIEDEL Group



**RIEDEL group protest area where roughly 50 private vehicles arrived.
This group has ended their protest, cleaning up the location today.**

Source: RCMP HASP

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Protest Area – RIEDEL Group



Protest Area – Northgate POE



- Check Point E North of Ceres Northgate Inland Terminal
- Protesters call area “Saskatchewan Freedom Campout”
- Remaining peaceful and encouraging others who join to do the same
- Presence of known “professional” protesters at Northgate location
- 23 private vehicles, 2 commercial vehicles, 3 campers

Protest Area – YORKTON Group



YORKTON Group protest area, protesters call area “Saskatchewan Freedom Campout.” Roughly 20 vehicles remain.

Source: RCMP HASP

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Protest Area – YORKTON Group



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Source: RCMP 'F' Div DCAS

Emergencies Act

Legislation

- Allows police additional powers to restore order in places where public assemblies such as blockades and occupations are considered illegal and dangerous activities.
- Allows for the render of essential services for the purposes of restoring order
- Designates border crossings as a critical area
- Compels tow trucks to remove vehicles.

Impacts

- Deters property owners from allowing private land access to protesters fearing legal repercussions
- Protesters are encountering difficulties in finding legal spaces to protest
- Risk of losing commercial/business license resulting in loss of employment a deterrent
- Tow truck companies have been influenced by intimidation tactics from protesters

Protest Traction

- A lot of “talk” on social media
- Did not gain anticipated traction
- Deterring Factors:
 - SK promise to remove all restrictions by March 1st, 2022
 - Emergencies Act limits staging areas
 - Emergencies Act deters private landowners from permitting access to staging areas
 - Police Operation in Ottawa dismantling ‘Freedom Convoy’ concurrent to North Portal Protests
 - Unfavourable weather conditions most of the weekend
 - No shelter from weather conditions
 - Protest fatigue

Jonathan Wipf
February 14 at 11:08 AM · 🌐

This is the big one!!! Let's plan to stay awhile and show support for our friends in Ottawa. ALL mandates need to end immediately!



**REGINA CONVOY TO
NORTH PORTAL
BORDER CROSSING**

**MEET: SOUTHLAND MALL PARKING LOT
ALBERT ST AND GORDON RD**

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

TIME: ARRIVE 9:30AM · LEAVE 10:00AM

28 2 Comments 35 Shares

Like Comment Share

Source: Facebook, Freedom Alliance Group

Immediate Impacts (Next 24-72 Hours)

Sector	Impact	Notes	Trend
Energy & Utilities	Low	Delays in transportation of Energy Goods (Co-Op)	↓
Transportation	Low	HWY 39 likely to have traffic interruptions and delays HWY 9 (Route to Northgate PEO) and HWY 18 (East and Westbound between Bien Fait and HWY 9) may have traffic interruptions and delays due to check stops	↓
Information and Communication Technology	Low		
Food	Low	Delays in transportation of Food Goods	↓
Government	Low	Delays in goods and services potentially affecting economy	↓
Finance	Low		
Health	Low		
Water	Low		
Safety	Low	Potential safety concerns for SHP Traffic Officers and RCMP Officers. Community safety resources reduced due to Officer demand for protest management. Tow Truck companies' willingness deterred from being on standby due to perception from protesters	↓
Manufacturing	Low	Delays in transportation of Manufactured Goods	↓

Impacts & Mitigation

Impact	Mitigation
Delays in transportation of Energy Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in transportation of Food Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in goods and services potentially affecting economy	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in transportation of Manufactured Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Community Safety	Use PRT services for assistance from CSOs, SHP, other Government of Saskatchewan Peace Officers
HWY 39 likely to have traffic interruptions and delays	Traffic travelling HWY 39 Southbound to the border recommended to use alternative POE. Traffic travelling Northbound from North Portal to Estevan recommended to use Grid Roads as an alternative route. RCMP sharing pamphlets with protesters on acceptable actions for lawful protest- includes informing on allowing traffic flow
HWY 9 likely to experience traffic interruptions and delays	RCMP sharing pamphlets with protesters on acceptable actions for lawful protest- includes informing on allowing traffic flow

Contingency Planning

Issue Likelihood of Occurrence Duration	Implications	Applicable Policies and Procedures	Mitigating Factors	Actions (Current and Planned)	Responsible Agencies (Lead Agency listed first)	Status / Notes	Data / Measures ¹ (under review)
Extended Deployment Duration Possible Short to Medium Term	Depleting SHP resources from routine duties and PRT availability Requiring additional accommodations and extending current accommodations Fatigued Traffic Officers-requiring relief	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10	Protest Size: - Protest Duration ensuring Traffic Officer are adequately rested to perform duties - Larger crowds require additional resources. Watch for crowd size on Feb 18th and Feb 19th	SHP 22.1.2 currently in effect, SHP EOC is activated to level 3a Currently 19 Traffic Officers are deployed to the North Portal and surrounding areas One day shift of 9 members and one night shift of 7 members. One Insp. Stationed in RCMP ICP. Plan: prepare a relief TEAM for night shift, allow original night shift staff to rest and relieve day shift. Set three team cycle. Event lasting long than 30 days introduce three team cycle. Call hotels in area to assess accommodation availability	RCMP – S/Sgt. Deneen Woodrow, ICP Commander Insp. Darcy Kalinowski SHP-ICP Liaison Officer		Officer Wellbeing on SHP Shift Commander Incident Summary
Escalation of Threat Level of Protest Possible Short to Medium Term	Officer Safety Public Safety Public Confidence Delays in Traffic	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10 SHP 4.1.1-8 SHP 17.3.5,8,11 Emergency Measures Act	Information Sharing: - RCMP and SHP handing out pamphlets to protesters at checkpoints to inform of lawful protest activities Blockade: - Encourage protesters to station with permission on private property Supervisors to update Traffic Officers of Threat Levels Traffic Officers to be aware of threat cues	Insp. Franz Zeidler scanning social media for indication of extremist presents Follow RCMP Tactical Plans	RCMP SHP		Monitor Radio Channels Hourly Updates from Insp. Darcy Kalinowski stationed in RCMP ICP Open Source Scanning Use of Force Reports BWC Review Public Complaints

Contingency Planning

Issue Likelihood of Occurrence Duration	Impacts and Implications	Applicable Plans	Mitigating Factors	Actions (Current and Planned)	Responsible Agencies (Lead Agency listed first)	Status / Notes	Data / Measures ¹ (under review)
Broadening of Operating Theatre Possible Short to Medium Term	Depleting SHP resources from routine duties and PRT availability Requiring additional accommodations and extending current accommodations Fatigued Traffic Officers- requiring relief	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10	Additional checkpoints	RCMP surveying area to identify other areas of operation	RCMP		Updates from ICP
Responding to PRT demands Possible Short to Medium Term	Reduced SHP Resources to respond to PRT requests RCMP reduced resources may require additional PRT requests		Other participating PRT members to receive/respond to PRT requests	Notify PECC of reduced SHP work force	PECC Participating PRT members		PRT reports
Border Closure Possible Short to Medium Term	Delays in transporting goods and services		RCMP communicate with CBSA on threat levels	Update Highway Hotline Alternative Routing for POE - Regway POE (open daily 6 AM to 10 PM) - Oungre POE (open daily 8 AM to 4 PM) - Torquay POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) - Noonan-Estevan POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) - Elmore POE - Lyleton, MB POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) Redirect Traffic - Westbound to Estevan from Oxbow: N on HWY 9, W HWY 13, S HWY 47 - Westbound to Estevan from Frobisher: N on HWY 604, W on HWY 361, S on HWY 47 - Westbound to Estevan from Hirsch or Bien Fait: HWY 18 to HWY 605, N on HWY 605 W on HWY 361, Ss on HWY 47	CBSA RCMP Ministry of Highways SHP		Threat Level Border closure

Coutts, AB “Freedom Convoy”



Jan 29th, 2022

Beginning of Trucker
Convoy/Coutts Blockade
preventing access to the POE

Feb 14th, 2022

Search Warrant executed
resulting in arrests and the
seizure of multiple firearms,
ammunition, and body armor

Feb 14th, 2022

Ottawa invokes Emergencies
Act in locations where
blockades and occupations are
disrupting critical
infrastructure

Feb 16th, 2022

Coutts Blockade ends
voluntarily

Source: <https://globalnews.ca/news/8626096/coutts-village-alberta-blockade-ends/#:~:text=What%20started%20as%20a%20rolling,discovery%20of%20weapons%20and%20ammunition.>
<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2022/alberta-rcmp-make-arrests-coutts-border-blockade>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/emergencies-act-explainer-1.6351504>
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Key Take Aways from Coutts, AB Blockade



- Discovery of weapons and the indication to escalation to violence served as the catalyst for protesters to go home and distance themselves from a violent cause. This indicated that most protesters want to exercise their right to protest lawfully and peacefully
- \$48 million in trade passes through this border daily
- Diagonal (far right group) associated with the arrests at the Coutts border indicated on social media they will continue protesting at another location
- Farmers became an active part of the blockade



Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/coutts-protest-blockade-arrests-rcmp-tuesday-1.6352128>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/coutts-arrests-charges-border-protest-1.6354587>
<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2022/alberta-rcmp-make-arrests-coutts-border-blockade>
https://www.cbcnews.ca/canada/what-is-the-diagonal-extremist-group-and-what-does-it-want-1.5785646?cid=sm%3Atrueanthenm%3Actv%3Anorthernontario%3Amanualpost&taid=620f928f4f61e700012c04f7&utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+New+Content+%28Feed%29&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook

Chris Barber



- Identified as a lead organizer for the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa, ON
- Resident of Swift Current, SK
- Very active on TikTok
- Owns a trucking company in Saskatchewan
- Arrested on Feb 17th, 2022 on charges of mischief and obstruct police
- Released on bail on Feb 18th, 2022
 - Required to leave Ottawa within 24h
 - Required to leave Ontario by Feb 23rd, 2022
 - Cannot support the Freedom Convoy in any manner
 - Cannot finance the Convoy in any manner, except to financially support protesters leaving Ottawa, using only his own funds.
- Stated to media “[his] organizing days are over, and he just wants to go home to his farm in Swift Current, SK.”

Source: <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/freedom-convoy-leader-says-he-just-wants-to-go-home-after-spending-night-in-jail>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/convoy-organizers-charged-bail-1.6357263>
[saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca)

Social Media



Edwin @edwinmundt · 19h

Buckle up, Alberta. These 🤠🚚👤 are coming home, each further radicalized.



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Susana D

@SusanaDee

Replying to @edwinmundt

They blocked the North Portal border between Saskatchewan and Montana

3:33 AM · Feb 20, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone



Source: Twitter

Freedom Convoy hit with massive \$306 million class action lawsuit following Ottawa protest

The defendants listed include Convoy organizers Chris Barber, Benjamin Dichter, and Tamara Lich, as well as dozens of others.



Freedom Convoy

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Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/freedom-convoy-hit-with-massive-306-million-class-action-lawsuit-following-ottawa-protest/>

Social Media



SHP Vehicle

SHP Traffic Officers

Source: <https://globalnews.ca/news/8633623/anti-covid-19-mandate-protest-north-portal/>

Anti-mandate protest set up near Northgate border crossing in Sask.

Initial plans to stage two demonstrations, including one at North Portal, changed when RCMP turned people away from the border village Saturday.

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Source: CBC News



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